

AMENDMENT**In the Claims**

Claims 1-55 (cancelled).

56. (Currently Amended) A method of using a modular control apparatus comprising the steps of:
providing a modular control apparatus, wherein said apparatus is configured to shut off air flow to a tool after a selected time that torque is being applied by the tool;
aligning the modular control apparatus to a tool;
attaching the modular control apparatus to the tool;
adjusting the output of the modular control apparatus; and
applying the tool to a workpiece.
57. (Original) The method of claim 56 further comprising the steps of:
detaching the modular apparatus from the tool;
aligning the modular control apparatus to a second tool;
attaching the modular control apparatus to the second tool;
adjusting the output of the modular control apparatus; and
applying the second tool to a workpiece.
58. (Original) The method of claim 57 wherein the step of providing a modular control apparatus comprises the step of providing a fluidic modular control apparatus.
59. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 58 wherein the step of providing a fluidic modular control apparatus comprises the step of providing ~~a pneumatic~~ an air modular control apparatus.

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60. (Currently Amended) A method of using a pneumatic modular control apparatus comprising the steps of:

attaching the pneumatic modular control apparatus to a pneumatic tool, wherein said modular apparatus includes a device configured to shut off air flow to a motor of the tool in response to a selected time that torque has been applied by the tool has been reached;

connecting a compressed-air supply channel to an input port of the pneumatic modular control apparatus;

channeling a compressed-air discharge from a discharge port of the pneumatic modular control apparatus to the inlet of a pneumatic motor of the pneumatic tool;

adjusting the pneumatic modular control apparatus; and

applying the pneumatic tool to the workpiece.

61. (Original) The method of claim 60, further comprising the step, prior to applying the tool to the workpiece, of attaching a workpiece adapter at least one of directly and indirectly to a drive shaft of the motor of the tool.

62. (Withdrawn) A method of making a modular control apparatus comprising the steps of:

forming a first sub-block to create a reservoir, a valve chamber, and a plurality of channels;

forming a second sub-block to create a flow channel having a valve seat for a needle valve, the channel sized and positioned to fluidically connect, when mated with the first sub-block, the reservoir to the channel in the first block that receives the input of the compressible fluid;

forming a valve stem channel in the second sub-block, the valve stem channel suitable to receive

the stem of a needle valve, the channel sized and positioned to align the needle with a valve seat;
forming a valve body;
forming a needle valve body;
installing the valve body into the valve chamber;
installing the needle valve in the needle valve seat of the second sub-block;
mating and releasably fastening the first and second sub-blocks together;
forming alignment features; and
at least one of forming and installing at least one attachment mechanism.

63. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 62 wherein installing the valve body comprises:

installing a seal;
inserting the valve body;
installing the bias mechanism; and
installing an o-ring bumper.

64. (Withdrawn) A method of making a pneumatic power impact tool adapted to receive a pneumatic modular control apparatus, the apparatus having an input port and a discharge port, the method comprising:

providing a pneumatic power impact tool having a handle, a trigger valve for controlling the input supply of compressed air, and an air motor having an inlet for compressed air;
forming a channel from the output of the trigger valve to a trigger valve outlet port configured to align and connect with the input port of the pneumatic modular control apparatus;
forming a channel from the inlet of the air motor to an air motor supply port configured to align and connect with the discharge port of the pneumatic modular control apparatus; and

forming a housing, said housing covering the air motor, channels, and the trigger valve, said housing also comprising the air motor supply port, the trigger valve outlet port, alignment mechanisms, and connection mechanisms.

Claims 65-66 (Cancelled)

67. (Withdrawn) A method of making an apparatus for a power impact tool comprising:
providing an air motor within a housing, the housing and air motor adapted to receive a modular control apparatus; and
attaching a modular control apparatus.

68. (Cancelled)

69. (Cancelled)

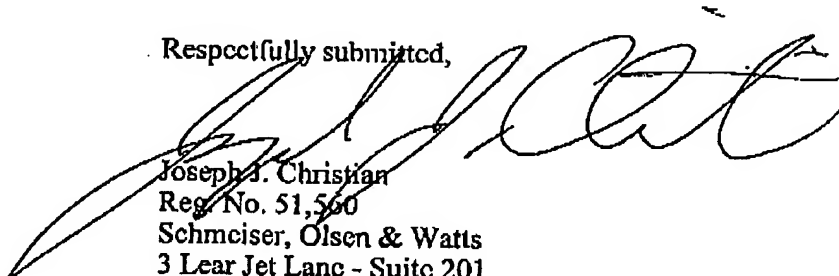
CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 56-61 and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicant invites Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 19-0513.

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